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to Eric Newman

Re: Interview Request

Mr. Newman,

Thank you for your quick response. Although I am disappointed that it is not possible to conduct an interview at this point in time, I hope you will consider doing an interview with *Coin World* later — perhaps after your biography is published. I'm sure Steve would be interested in pursuing either an interview or perhaps an excerpt from your biography in conjunction with its publication. Since you met Steve last year when he was in St. Louis at your museum, I'll leave any future arrangements for the two of you to work out.

I am personally delighted that your biography is being written and close to publication. I look forward to reading it!

Shortly after retiring, my husband and I decide to "downsize" and move to Sylvania, Ohio, (a suburb of Toledo) to be near our son and his family. (We have two wonderful grandchildren — grandson 7 and granddaughter 4.) The move put us 100 miles north of Sidney. I get back to the Sidney area about once every six weeks or so and often drop by to visit with Margo. I love spending time with her and we still have lots to talk about! I have been encouraging her to write about the early days of *Coin World* and her involvement with the hobby during her years as editor. I know that you and Margo keep in contact. Please encourage her to get to work on her memoir! Like you, I believe she has a great life story that would be of interest to many in the realm of numismatics.

Since retiring in April of 2012 I have written one numismatic book, *Cash In Your Coins - Selling the Rare Coins You've Inherited*. Sales of the first edition were very strong. Whitman has just published the second edition, which gave me an opportunity to update and add a new 16-page chapter. I have spent much of the past year traveling — speaking and doing book signings to promote the book.

Currently I am researching two non-numismatic books. One of those research projects is responsible for my travels in late October to a small town in Illinois near St. Louis. Part of that project involves video interviews. It has caused me to get up to speed with current technology and allowed me to return to an area of journalism that I delved in early in my career — producing films for broadcast.

Coin World still has all of the paper copies of the weekly publication that you "returned" shortly before I retired. Senior management at the time had committed to scanning all of the back issues and making them available online for research purposes. About two months after your copies arrived, there was a change in senior management at Amos Press. Although they kept promising me the project would move forward, it never has, and there has now has been another major change in senior management.

I still believe that all issues of CW should be available in electronic form. Since becoming a member of the ANS Board of Trustees and becoming aware of its book scanning equipment and projects, I am more convinced than ever that the early years of CW should be and could be scanned and made available online. The thought has occurred that I have been thinking too narrow. Instead of just CW, perhaps the project should be broadened to include Numismatic Scrapbook, Numismatic News (and other Krause publications), CoinAGE, etc. I think it will take a consortium of

publishers including Amos, Krause, Whitman, etc. and researchers to pull this off. I would greatly appreciate your thoughts (and those involved with your foundation) regarding this.

Take care. My very best wishes to you and Mrs. Newman.

Beth

On Sep 28, 2014, at 5:27 PM, ericnumis@aol.com wrote:

Dear Beth:

I was delighted to hear from you in your email of September 24. Although it has not been announced, several writers have been working for quite some time on my biography, which is under agreement for publication. A number of others have participated in the review process of the existing, lengthy draft.

Under the circumstances, I do not feel that it is proper for me to disclose the names of those participating or any of the content at this time.

Thank you for your interest, but I must decline the privilege of an interview with you or Steve Roach.

My very best wishes to you.

Eric